

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills H.R. 3171–3182; 1 private bill, H.R. 3183; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 192; and H. Res. 566, 568–573 were introduced. **Pages H8617–18**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8618–19**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–240, Pt. 2);

Conference report on H.R. 1, a bill to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (H. Rept. 110–259);

H. Res. 567, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for the implementation of the recommendations of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (H. Rept. 110–260); and

H. Res. 574, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012 (H. Rept. 110–261). **Page H8617**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook, Believers' Christian Fellowship Church, New York, New York. **Page H8401**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Limiting the use of funds to establish any military installation or base for the purpose of providing for the permanent stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq or to exercise United States economic control of the oil resources of Iraq: H.R. 2929, to limit the use of funds to establish any military installation or base for the purpose of providing for the permanent stationing of United States Armed Forces in Iraq or to exercise United States economic control of the oil resources of Iraq, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 399 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 717 and **Pages H8405–11, H8418–19**

Temporarily extending the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965: S. 1868, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H8411–12**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, July 23rd:

Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of New York: H. Res. 345, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of New York, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 718. **Page H8419**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, July 24th:

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the dumping of industrial waste into the Great Lakes: H. Con. Res. 187, to express the sense of Congress regarding the dumping of industrial waste into the Great Lakes, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 387 yeas to 26 nays, with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 719. **Pages H8419–20**

Water Resources Development Act of 2007—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and agreed to a conference. **Page H8420**

Later, the Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Oberstar, Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX), Tauscher, Baird, Higgins, Mitchell, Kagen, McNERNEY, Mica, Duncan, Ehlers, Baker, Brown (SC), and Boozman. **Page H8457**

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 2014, 2023, and 6009 of the House bill, and secs. 3023, 5008, and 5016 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Rahall, Napolitano, and McMorris Rodgers. **Page H8457**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House began consideration of H.R. 3093, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Further consideration is expected to resume Thursday, July 26th.

Pages H8412–28, H8420–66, H8467–96

Agreed to:

Bordallo amendment (No. 17 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that redirects \$500,000 in funding within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; **Pages H8440–41**

Biggert amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Salaries and Expenses, United States Attorneys, by \$750,000 and the Federal Bureau of Investigation by \$5.5 million; **Pages H8449–50**

Capito amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 722); **Pages H8435–37, H8463–64**

Shimkus amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration by \$5 million (by a recorded vote of 340 ayes to 87 noes, Roll No. 723); **Pages H8437–39, H8464–65**

Zoe Lofgren (CA) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program by \$55 million (by a recorded vote of 388 ayes to 39 noes, Roll No. 725); **Pages H8443–47, H8465–66**

Lampson amendment that prohibits funds from being used for business-class or first-class airline travel by employees of the Department of Commerce; **Page H8480**

Poe amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enforce the judgement of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas in the case of *United States v. Ignacio Ramos, Et Al.* decided March 8, 2006 or the sentences imposed; **Pages H8484–91**

Drake amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; **Page H8491**

Capito amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 402(e)(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; **Pages H8491–92**

Capito amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Office on Violence Against Women by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 243 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 727); **Pages H8456–58, H8492**

Etheridge amendment that increases funding for the Office of Justice Programs by \$1,747,111 (by a recorded vote of 421 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 728); **Pages H8458–61, H8492–93**

Inslee amendment that adds a new section relating to funding for the Office on Violence Against Women—Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs (by a recorded vote of 412 ayes to 18 noes, Roll No. 730); **Pages H8470–71, H8494**

Poe amendment that strikes “\$625 million” and inserts “\$635 million” on page 75, line 24 and in-

serts language relating to funding for the Department of Commerce, Departmental Management, Salaries and Expenses account (by a recorded vote of 395 ayes to 34 noes, Roll No. 731); and **Pages H8477–78, H8494–95**

Reichert amendment that inserts language relating to funding for the Office on Violence Against Women—Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs for the court training and improvements program authorized by section 105 of the Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005 (by a recorded vote of 405 ayes to 25 noes, Roll No. 732). **Pages H8478–80, H8495–96**

Rejected:

Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the International Trade Administration by \$6 million (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 720); **Pages H8433–34, H8462–63**

Sessions amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Economic Development Administration by \$100 million and increase funding for the Federal Bureau of Investigation by \$6 million (by a recorded vote of 125 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 721); **Pages H8434–35, H8463**

English (PA) amendment (No. 22 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, 2007) that sought to reduce funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by \$2 million and increase funding for the International Trade Commission by \$1 million (by a recorded vote of 83 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 724); **Pages H84409, H8465**

King (IA) amendment that sought to redirect \$1 million in funding within the Federal Bureau of Investigation (by a recorded vote of 19 ayes to 389 noes, with 16 voting “present”, Roll No. 726); **Pages H8451–53, H8467–68**

Sessions amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to strike section 213 (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 729); and **Pages H8469–70, H8493–94**

Hinchey amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used, with respect to the States of Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington, to prevent such States from implementing their own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession, or cultivation of medical marijuana (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 733). **Pages H8482–84, H8496**

Withdrawn:

Mack amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by \$21,100,000; **Page H8442**

Jindal amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by \$2 million; **Pages H8442–43**

Price (GA) amendment (No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for the National Science Foundation, Education and Human Resources, by \$2 million; **Pages H8447–49**

Weiner amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Community Oriented Policing Services by \$75 million; **Pages H8450–51**

Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have inserted language relating to funding for annuity protection for Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; **Pages H8454–55**

Biggert amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$34 million in funding within the Office of Justice Programs; **Page H8458**

Chabot amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding, by offset, for Community Oriented Policing Services for programs to reduce gun crime and gang violence by \$15 million; **Pages H8461–62**

Lipinski amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section relating to funding for the Office of Justice Programs—State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance; **Pages H8471–72**

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added language relating to funding for Minority University Research and Education Programs; **Pages H8472–74**

Biggert amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section relating to funding for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; **Pages H8474–77**

Boswell amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section relating to funding for the Office of Justice Programs—community oriented policing services; **Pages H8480–81**

Gingrey amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, 2007) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have pro-

hibited the use of funds by the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to pay the compensation of employees of the BATFE to test and examine firearms without written and published testing standards; and **Pages H8481–82**

Sali amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have added a new section relating to funding for victim service programs for victims of trafficking. **Page H8482**

Point of Order sustained against:

Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 27 printed in the Congressional Record of July 24, 2007) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation by \$16 million and **Pages H8441–42**

Rogers (MI) amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of July 23, 2007) that sought to insert language relating to funding for a housing allowance pilot program for Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Pages H8453–54**

H. Res. 562, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 716.

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Oath of Office—Tenth Congressional District of Georgia: Representative-elect Paul Broun presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a letter from the Honorable Sonny Perdue, Governor, State of Georgia, indicating that, according to the official returns of the Special Election held on July 17, 2007, the Honorable Paul Broun was elected Representative to Congress for the Tenth Congressional District, State of Georgia. **Page H8466**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. Paul Broun, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 433. **Page H8466**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 566, electing Representative Broun (GA) to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Science and Technology. **Page H8605**

Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representatives Courtney and Shays. **Pages H8605–06**

Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair read a letter from Representative Oberstar, Chairman of the

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, in which he appointed the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representatives Michaud, Hirono, and Mica. **Page H8606**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:53 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 a.m. on Thursday, July 26th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page 8401.

Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 42 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Page H8615**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8619.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and fourteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8417–18, H8418–19, H8419, H8419–20, H8462–63, H8463, H8463–64, H8464–65, H8465, H8465–66, H8467–68, H8492, H8492–93, HJ8493–94, H8494, H8494–95, H8495–96, H8496. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 11:53 p.m. stands in recess subject to the call of the chair.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported, as amended, the Defense Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008.

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE AND AL-QAEDA

Committee on Armed Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence held a joint hearing on Implications of the National Intelligence Estimate regarding Al-Qaeda. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: James Clapper, Under Secretary, Intelligence; Mary Beth Long, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs (Acting); and Pete Verga, Assistant Secretary, Homeland Defense (Acting); and the following officials of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence: Michael Leiter, Deputy Director, National Counterterrorism Center and Director, Interagency Task Force on Homeland Threats; and Edward Gistaro, National Intelligence Officer, Transnational Threats.

ALTERNATIVES FOR IRAQ'S FUTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on A Third Way: Alternatives for Iraq's Future, Part 3. Testimony was heard from COL Paul Hughes, USA (ret.), Senior Program Officer, Center for Post-Conflict Peace and Stability Operations, U.S. Institute of Peace; MG Paul D. Eaton, USA (ret.), former Com-

mander, Coalition Military Assistance Training Team, Iraq; and public witnesses.

RENEWING STATUTORY PAYGO

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Perspectives on Renewing Statutory PAYGO. Testimony was heard from Peter Orszag, Director, CBO; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on Improving Federal Consumer Protection in Financial Services-Consumer and Industry Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAIR HOUSING LENDING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Rooting Out Discrimination in Mortgage Lending: Using HMDA as a Tool for Fair Lending Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Sandra Thompson, Director, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, FDIC; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Montrice Yakimov, Managing Director, Compliance and Consumer Protection, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Calvin R. Hagins, Director, Compliance Policy, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Grace Chung Becker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Kim Kendrick, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Lydia B. Parnes, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; David M. Marquis, Director, Office of Examination and Insurance, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

CENTRAL-EASTERN EUROPE DEMOCRACY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held as hearing on Central and Eastern Europe: Assessing the Democratic Transition. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-MARSHALL ISLANDS FREE ASSOCIATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment held a hearing on Overview of the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands: Are Changes Needed? Testimony was heard from David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; the following officials of the Department of State: Steven McGann, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Francis A. Donovan, Director, Office of East Asia Affairs, Bureau of Asia and the Near East,